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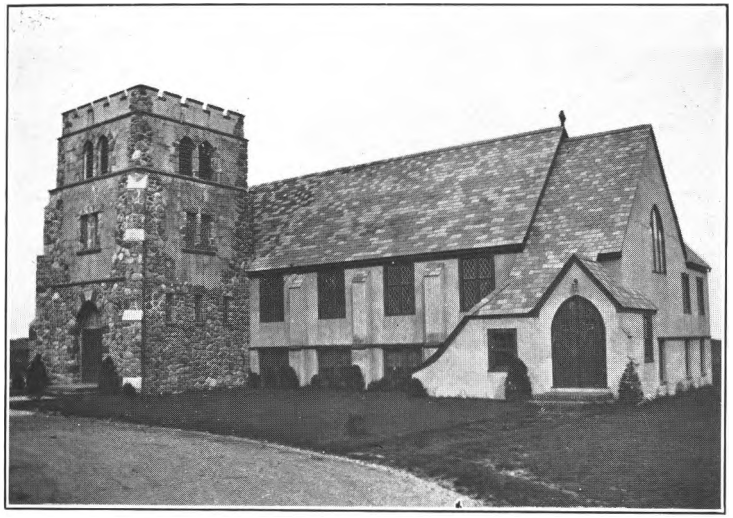

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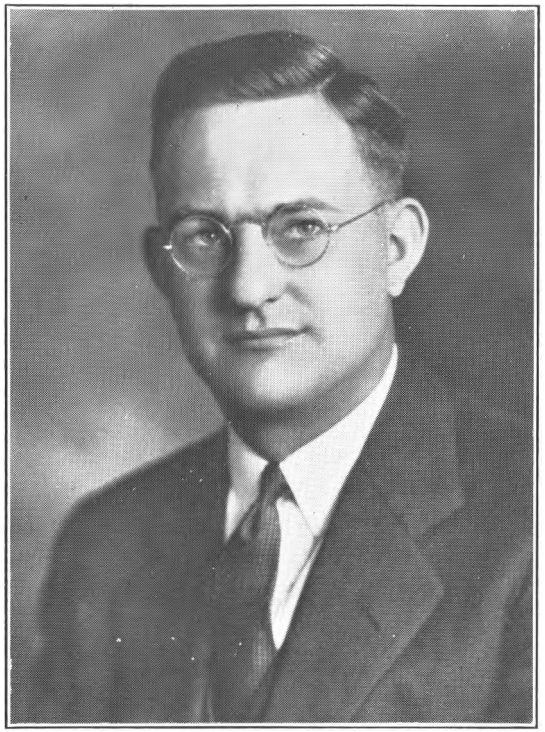

REV. E. HOYT PALMER, Minister

Pastoral Message to Friends and Church Members

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Dear Friends:

THE task of getting together the material for this little booklet has impressed me with the need of such a record at this time. In less than four years some of the important facts about the beginnings of our church were being lost to the memory of those most concerned.

I am very grateful that this booklet has been made possible at this time through the generosity of the advertisers and the co-operation of the Cathedral Publishing Company of New York City. I hope each copy will be cherished and in years to come fill its need as a dependable source of information.

Every effort has been made to guard against errors and to make the records interesting. If omissions or errors have crept in, we are sorry, and hope that proper correction can later be made.

To Mr. Richard Webb for his faithful assistance by writing the history and to Rev. Moyer, Rev. Van Doren, and others who furnished information, we are deeply grateful.

To all those who have helped bring to pass our church as it stands, I join with the community in extending my heartfelt and enduring gratitude. Brief acknowledgement in these pages is all too inadequate as recognition of the great loyalty which so many have shown.

Sincerely yours,

E. HOYT PALMER.

Hours of Worship and Church Calendar

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Sunday—

Church School	**9:40 A. M.**
Morning Worship	**11:10 A. M.**
Young People's Service	**7:30 P. M.**

Every Wednesday at 2 P. M.—
The Women's Guild.

Fridays at 7:30 P. M.—
The Young People's Society.

2nd and 4th Wednesday Evenings—
The Women's Social Club.

1st Monday of each Month—
The Session.

2nd Monday of each Month—
The Board of Trustees.

Communion Sunday is observed the first Sunday of January, April, July and October, unless otherwise announced.

The Annual Meeting is held the second Wednesday in March.

Church Officiary

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Clerk of Session—S. T. Honey.

Treasurer—E. V. Conway.

President Board of Trustees—Joseph Fiigon.

Superintendent of Sunday School—R. B. Webb.

Session—Term Expires 1932, G. W. Sears, R. B. Webb; Term of 1933, S. T. Honey, Arthur B. Miller; Term of 1934, Ray M. Bevis, Albin Pearson, E. V. Conway.

Trustees—Term Expires 1932, E. E. Baker, E. V. Conway, W. D. Parsons; Term of 1933, J. Fiigon, W. N. Ridge, J. M. Sweeting; Term of 1934, R. M. Bevis, N. Gould, T. Worthington.

Church School Teachers—R. B. Webb, Superintendent; Mrs. J. Hoerger, Primary Superintendent; Mrs. S. T. Honey, Miss Vera Wiberg, Miss Mabel Bevis, Miss Gwen Parsons, Miss Elizabeth Buckridge, Mrs. William Fagan, Miss Ruth Baker, Mrs. N. Gould, Mrs. T. Buckridge, Mrs. W. Wrangen, Mrs. J. M. Sweeting, Miss Ann McCorry, Secretary; Mrs. M. Macdonald.

Women's Guild—Mrs. G. A. Sears, President; Mrs. M. Macdonald, Vice-President; Mrs. P. B. Duryea, Treasurer; Mrs. Norman Gould, Secretary; Mrs. J. Fiigon, Corresponding Secretary.

Women's Social Club—Mrs. M. Macdonald, President; Executive Committee: Mrs. K. Smith, Mrs. J. Fiigon, Mrs. J. McCorry, Mrs. Ray Bevis, Mrs. E. H. Palmer, Mrs. S. T. Honey.

Young People's Society—Stanley Miller, President; Gene Miller, Vice-President; Miss Mabel Bevis, Secretary and Treasurer; Donald Bradford, Chairman of Social Committee. Former Presidents: Miss Ruth Baker, Miss Gwen Parsons, Miss Grace Miller, Miss Elizabeth Buckridge. Adult Advisor, Mrs. S. T. Honey.

The Choir—Mrs. S. T. Honey, Miss Phyllis Wells, Mrs. J. Fiigon, Mrs. Ray Bevis, Mrs. W. Wrangen, Mrs. E. Arvidson, Miss Vera Wiberg, Miss M. Bevis, Miss Ruth Baker, Mrs. E. H. Palmer, Mr. E. V. Conway, Mr. J. McCorry, Mr. Albin Pearson.

Historical Sketch

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A HISTORY OF THE MONTAUK COMMUNITY CHURCH

By Richard B. Webb

ON the third of July, 1927, sixty-two people gathered together for worship in the Montauk Theatre Building in response to notices which had been sent out announcing a service of worship to be held under the auspices of the Presbytery of Long Island. During the previous hour there had been gathered twenty-seven children, who after a brief opening service, were divided into groups and adults who were present called upon to teach them the lessons which had been provided in leaflet form.

The sermon that morning was on the patriotic theme, "Duty to Nation and Duty to God" with the text "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." Hymns were sung from books loaned by the Bridgehampton Presbyterian Church, and the piano played by a young engineer employed by the Development Company. The walls were bare, the lighting bad, the acoustics in the large high-walled room so bad that many could not hear what was being said though they were seated close to the speaker, and some heard a distinct echo of every sound rebounding from the walls or the back of the room. For a pulpit a ticket-chopper's stand was pressed into service, and when the offering was called for, $14.27 was laid upon nice, new aluminum pie tins with green blotting paper fitted neatly in the bottom by one of the young men who passed them. Needless to say, the spiritual values of the service were mostly what were put into it by the people and the minister—there wasn't very much inspiration to be gathered from the surroundings.

To go back to earlier days, religious services had, of course, been held many times before in Montauk, but this was the first time that year-round church life had been seriously attempted, and the first time that a church society had been formed. Summer services had been held for many years by the Episcopalians, and before 1910 many services had been held in various homes. Now an established church organization was sponsoring a year-round program of worship and religious education which was to be the forerunner of our Montauk Community Church.

Survey of the Field

During the early spring of 1927 the Long Island Presbytery requested Rev. J. C. Van Doren, the field work man for the Brooklyn-Nassau Presbytery, to make a survey of Montauk to determine what denominations were represented in the community and what the possibilities were for starting work here. Consequnetly the survey was made, March

21st to 23rd and the results showed about one-quarter of the population to be Roman Catholic, and the balance divided among Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, Lutheran annd several other denominations, with Presbyterians in predominance. There seemed to be a real desire among the residents for organized year-round religious work.

Reports of the survey were made to the Presbytery and the Synod, and these bodies brought the matter before the Community Committee of the Greater New York Federation of Churches to decide which denomination shoulld occupy the field. This Committee met on May 5th, 1927 and decided that, for the time being, Montauk was too small to accommodate more than one Protestant denomination. As the Presbyterian organization had taken the first steps, and as the survey showed a predominence of Presbyterians at Montauk, they agreed that the work should be carried on by that organization. All the other Protestant denominations, with the exception of Episcopalians and Lutherans agreed to remain out of the field. This was a significant factor in determining the character of the work at Montauk.

With this decision, a group of men prominent in the Presbyterian organization on Long Island, met in Brooklyn on May 12th, 1927 to discuss plans for starting the work at Montauk. It seems that the prime mover in this was Mr. George P. Conrad of Remsenberg who, at that time, was the Synodical Chairman of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Others attendinng this meeting included Dr. U. L. Machey, Rev. J. C. Van Doren, and Rev. Herbert C. Moyer of Bridgehampton, who was chairman of the National Missions Committee of the Long Island Presbytery. Mr. Conrad had a strong faith in the future of Montauk and the others were not far behind in their enthusiasm, especially Rev. Moyer, who from the very first has encouraged and helped this enterprise with all his ability.

The chief problems of discussion at this meeting were the raising of the necessary funds to carry on the work and the securing of a minister. In the Y. M. C. A. at Floral Park they found Rev. E. Hoyt Palmer, who was doing a special kind of Commmunity work there and who, they felt, would be just the man for the Montauk field. It was decided that the Board of National Missions would supply half of the minister's salary and the Long Island Presbytery, the balance from a special fund for such purposes.

The Early Church

The first of July, 1927, found Rev. Palmer in Montauk ready to begin calling and posting notices in preparation for the first service. The posters bore the note that Community services were being held under the auspices of the Long Island Presbytery, Sunday School at 9:30 and worship service at 11:00 A.M.

The attendance at the first service was very encouraging and continued to increase thru the summer. The Sunday School grew by leaps and bounds, thus indicating how great was the need for these services.

On the 28th of September a very important informal meeting was held at the home of the minister for the purpose of discussing the organization of a church and the character of the work to be carried on. This was the first meeting of its kind to be held. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Perry B. Duryea, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Honey, E. V. Conway, Clarence Monroe, Mrs. Joseph Hoerger, Mr. and Mrs. Charlles Tuthill, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tuthill, Dr. and Mrs. F. LeRoy Satterlee, Mrs. Albin Pearson, Mrs. George Sears, Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeting, Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacQuarrie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Durant and the Rev. and Mrs. E. Hoyt Palmer. There was the greatest frankness and feeling of co-operation, with a good discussion led by Rev. Palmer. From this meeting emerged the idea that to be fair to all and to avoid several competing groups, there should be a community church where all protestant faiths could feel at home and enjoy worship together. Those present saw the advantage of having a parent denomination, and since the Presbyterians had opened the way, felt that it should be established under that body. But in spirit the people have always been interdenominational from the very start, and it is hoped that the church can always keep alive that freedom of thought which comes from various religious backgrounds. The name chosen for the church was the "Community Church of Montauk;" a second choice was "First Church of Montauk."

A committee composed of Messrs. Duryea, Honey and Conway was appointed to circulate petitions asking the Presbytery of Long Island to organize a church at Montauk.

The Montauk Community Church

On January 17th, 1928, the Presbytery of Long Island met with the congregation in the Montauk Theatre to organize the church. The name chosen for the church was "Montauk Community Church." At this meeting twenty-five were received into the Church upon profession of faith, thirteen by letter and ten as affiliate members, making a total of forty-eight members. The following elders, who had been informally nominated the previous Sunday, were elected, ordained and installed: Edmond V. Conway, Clarence A. Monroe, Saunders T. Honey, Frank D. Warner, Perry B. Duryea, George W. Sears, Arthur R. Miller.

The program included an address by Rev. Thomas Coyle of Westhampton; Invocation by Rev. H. C. Moyer; Baptism, Reception and Ordaination by Rev. E. H. Palmer and Benediction by Rev. G. F. Baker.

Church Clubs

From the very earliest days, this church has been blessed with a strong group of women—The Women's Guild —whose co-operation has been the backbone of the Church. The first move toward the organization of a women's club

was made in a meeting at the parsonage on November 21st, 1927, though the subject had been discussed before. A group of ladies met to make plans for a community supper to be given in the Montauk Theatre, December 7th. The men of the church co-operated with the women to make this first social event of the church a success. In spite of lack of equipment or adequate facilities, 175 were fed. No admission was charged but a collection amounting to $200.00 was received, and divided into equal parts, half going to the women to start a fund for purchasing equipment, and half to form the nucleus of a building fund.

On the 11th of January, 1928, 19 ladies met at the home of Mrs. S. T. Honey, to organize their society. They elected Mrs. S. T. Honey, President; Mrs. Perry Duryea, Treasurer; Mrs. Frank Warner, Secretary. They suggested that the society should be a strong arm of the church to promote its welfare thru wholesome, social intercourse and that they should meet weekly, opening the meeting with bible study and prayer. At the following meeting, Mrs. Hattie Lawson was elected Vice-President, and the name "Wyandannee" chosen for the Society. At first the meetings were held at the homes of members, and later—until the new church was ready—at the Wyandank Hotel, thru the courtesy of Mrs. Knowles Smith. The society later (thought unofficially) became known as the "Women's Guild."

During the late Autumn of 1927 a group of men of the community met upon several occasions at the home of Dr. Satterlee to discuss plans for social activities during the winter, the proceeds of which were to go toward a building fund. Arrangements were made to put on a series of eight Saturday-night home-talent entertainments at the Montauk Theatre in conjunction with the moving pictures. The success of the undertaking was practically assured by the unexpectedly large attendance on the opening night, January 14th. The series included a barn-dance, Vaudeville, children's night, etc., and ended with a Minstrel Show which played to a packed house of nearly 350. The net proceeds, amounting to nearly $400.00, were turned over to the building fund.

As a by-product of these entertainments, the men who planned and managed them decided to form a men's club, wide enough in scope to include all men in the community. At a meeting at the home of Dr. Satterlee on February 1st, 1928, and at subsequent meetings throughout the month, (two of which were in the form of banquets at the Montauk Manor) it was decided to form a men's club of the church as a liberal church organization to promote social intercourse and the welfare of the church and community. The name chosen for this organization was the "Community Club."

As we have already seen in the establishing of a Building Fund and contributions to it by various organizations, there was considerable thought, even at this early date, of a new church building. When it was to be built, how it could financed, the size and location of the building—these and other considerations were still in the dim future. But, as the winter advanced and more money poured into the Building Fund, definite steps were taken toward organizing the work and running a systematic campaign for funds during the coming summer. The proceeds from the Saturday night entertainment and the benefit movies, which continued till the end of April, were turned over to the Building Fund. The Women's Guild held suppers, luncheons and cake sales and gave generously of the proceeds to the Fund. The Sunday School collections also helped to increase this fund, for it was felt that the children could give to no better cause than to that of building a Home Mission church at Montauk.

The Building Council

At a meeting of the Trustees on the 12th of March it was decided to form a Building Council to manage the business of planning and financing the project. Those appointed to this council were:

Rev. E. H. Palmer	Mr. Richard Webb
Mr. and Mrs. P. Duryea	Mr. C. Appleyard
Mr. Albin Pearson	Mr. E. V. Conway
Dr. F. L. Satterlee	Mr. Clarence Monroe
Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Honey	Mr. T. E. Ringwood

One of the first considerations of the Building Council was securing a site for the proposed building. This subject had been discussed upon several previous occasions and the concensus of opinion was that it should be located on or near the Montauk Highway in the vicinity of the Business District. It was felt that in the future this would probably be the center of activity and would be easily accessable to all. The Montauk Beach Development Corporation had intimated that they would give one acre of land to the Church if they would build within a year. The council was instructed to select their choice of a site and submit it with several alternate locations to the Executive Committee of the Development Corporation.

At first it was thought that a small chapel, costing only a few thousand dollars would meet the present needs of the Church. But when the people saw how difficult it was to carry on the work of the Church in the Theatre with only one room available for all purposes, they realized how foolish it would be to build without providing separate rooms for various purposes. The Building Council felt that the proposed building should be so designed that it would form a unit of a future group of buildings which could be erected as the need for them arose. They therefore obtained the services of Mr. A. G. Lamont, Architect for the Board of National Missions—a specialist in Church Architecture—to make preliminary drawing of the entire group, with especial emphasis on the proposed first unit.

In order to more efficiently handle the many details, the Building Council decided to subdivide into the following groups:

Campaign

E. V. Conway — Mrs. S. T. Honey
Albin Pearson

Publicity

Clarence Monroe — Mrs. Perry Duryea
Dr. Satterlee — S. T. Honey

Plans

R. B. Webb — T. E. Ringwood
Chas. Appleyard

Land

Perry Duryea — Rev. E. H. Palmer
E. V. Conway

The Land Committee's fist choice was the site on which the building now stands. They felt, however, that to provide for probable future needs they should have more land than the one acre promised by the Development Corporation. As it later developed, the gift comprised one and three-tenths acres, and the congragation voted to purchase for $2,000 an additional forty-three hundreths of an acre, making a total of nearly one and three-quarter acres, with about two hundred feet frontage on Montauk Highway and three hundred feet on the back street.

The preliminary drawings were temporarily approved although the Architect's estimate exceeded the amount tentatively agreed upon.

It was felt that the campaign should be held during the early part of the summer season, and the last two weeks of July were finally agreed upon. The Publicity Committee prepared literature, newspaper articles, circular letters with campaign letterheads and co-operated with the Plans Committee in publishing and circulating 500 copies of a four page folder and 1000 post cards of a perspective view of the entire church group. The folder contained a synopsis of the church work at Montauk, descriptions of the proposed buildings, and plans for financing the undertaking, together with cuts of the plans and a perspective of the entire group. These were distributed shortly before the campaign started.

The Campaign Committee engaged the services of Mr. J. E. Tompkins, a professional Campaign Manager, from the Board of National Missions and with his advice, decided to run a two week intensive campaign, July 16th to 29th, to raise $35,000. Lists of prospective doners were prepared and a campaign headquarters office in the Realty Security Building, secured.

On the 17th of June, 1928, the congragation voted unanimously to incorporate the Church under the name of the "Montauk Community Church." The Corporate papers were drawn up under the laws of the Presbyterian Church. The group of men who until then had been acting as a Board of Trustees, were officially voted on and invested with the responsibility for the temporal affairs of the Church.

An important event in the life of the Church was the first Church Fair on the 13th and 14th of July, sponsored by the Women's Guild. The Community Club co-operated with the Guild and in spite of inclement weather both days, the results were very encouraging, the net proceeds amounting to nearly a thousand dollars. This was turned over to the Building Fund as the first donation in the Campaign.

Building Fund Campaign

Mr. Tompkins arrived on July 16th to manage the campaign. The first week was taken up with preparations—circular letters to prospects, printing pledge cards, dividing canvassers into groups to cover various sections of the community and other business. The pledges were to be paid in cash or in monthly or quarterly payments over a period of twenty-seven months. The active campaign began on Sunday, July 22nd and closed on the following Sunday with a total of $18,687.75 pledged. As this was considerably less than the amount hoped for, it was decided that Rev. Palmer should continue the campaign quietly for a few more weeks. At the end of two weeks the total stood at $22,880.

At a subsequent meeting of the Building Council arrangements were made with Mr. Richard Webb, a local architect, to make the working drawings, details and specifications for the new building. At first it was thought it would be necessary to reduce the size of the building or eliminate the tower in order to keep within the amount pledged. But after a conference with Mr. A. B. Keeler of the Division of Buildings and Property of the Board of National Missions, it was decided to retain all of the elements shown in the preliminary drawings and to make every effort to raise $5,000. more in pledges. By so doing the church could borrow $14,000. from the Board of National Missions, thus making a total of $42,000. available for the building. The Long Island Presbytery very generously agreed to pay the interest on the loan for a period of at least three years.

The New Building

The plans were finally completed and approved by the Building Council and on the 29th of October the bids were received and opened. The Pearson Construction Company presented the lowest bid of $49,925., not including excavating and painting which were to be donated by local contractors. After considerable study of the plans and prices, and by eliminating unessential items and revising the specifications, the contract price was reduced to $40,800. On November 12th the contract was awarded to Pearson Construction Company at this figure, and ground was broken for the new building. With great interest the people watched the building grow and on December 31st, 1928 the corner stone was

laid with fitting ceremonies performed by Rev. Palmer before a large gathering from Montauk and neighboring towns.

The men of the church volunteered to gather the stones for the tower and cart them to the site. It is interesting to know that these stones had formed the foundations of the building in which it is said that the Montauk Indians held their religious services.

It was amazing to see with what rapidity the building took shape, and very gratifying to note the spirit with which the men worked. After a noble effort on the part of the Contractor and the workmen, the building was ready for the first service on Easter Sunday, March 31st, 1929.

Though the church building was practically completed it looked bare for it was still unfurnished except for chairs loaned by the Public School, and a piano loaned by Mrs. Honey. Soon, however, the Women's Guild bought very nice furniture for the church parlor and dishes and silver for the kitchen; pews and chancel furniture were given by members and friends of the church in memory of loved ones who had passed on. And so, little by little, the church has been furnished thru the generosity of its clubs, members and friends. The building, however, is not completely equipped, and it is hoped others will want to donate furnishings or provide fitting memorials for loved ones.

The beautiful memorial window in the church, which was given by Mrs. E. P. Maynard in memory of her father and mother—old Montauk residents—was dedicated with a fitting service on the afternoon of June 9th, 1929.

Dedication

At a beautiful service on Sunday afternoon, September 1st, 1929, the Chapel and Church House were dedicated. The Chapel was crowded to capacity with people from Montauk and neighboring towns. Those taking part in the service included the officers of the church, the builder, and the pastors of churches in several surrounding towns.

At the date of this writing—four years after the work was started under humble circumstances in the Montauk Theatre—there is a splendid church building, centrally located, nicely furnished, and adequately equipped to accommodate worship services, religious education programs, club meetings, treatricals, dinners, dances—wholesome fellowship and recreation of every nature. The building is now half paid for—there remaining the Board of National Misssions loan of $14,000. and notes to the extent of about $9,000.

Praise be to God for the work that has been accomplished, for the love and faith and sacrifice of those who have given so generously of their time and means that the work of the Lord might prosper in Montauk. It is our prayer that the good work may continue—that the cloud of debt may be lifted and that in so doing many lives may be blessed.

Financial Report

Year March 19, 1930, to March 9, 1931

GENERAL FUND

Receipts—		
Balance on Hand March 19, 1930		$51.86
Weekly Pledges for Current Expenses (Envelopes)	$1,517.31	
Loose Offerings	498.67	
Special Offerings for Benevolence	63.91	
Miscellaneous Gifts	112.50	
Total Receipts		2,192.39
		$2,244.25
Disbursements—		
Fuel	$249.40	
Minister's Salary and Allowance	930.00	
Lights	55.54	
Janitor Service	37.00	
Sunday School Expenses	92.08	
Printing	20.45	
Insurance	105.00	
Interest on Bank Loans	150.00	
Transfer to Building Fund	150.00	
Payments on Piano	100.00	
Signs	45.00	
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Etc.	63.53	
Landscaping	80.55	
Presbytery Apportionment—Ecclesiastical Expenses	12.80	
Benevolence—China Famine Relief	11.59	
Benevolence — Board of National Missions	44.97	
Benevolence — Board of Christian Education	17.35	
Total Disbursements		$2,165.26
Balance on Hand March 9, 1931		$78.99

BUILDING FUND

Receipts—		
Balance on Hand March 19, 1930		$606.53
Total received from all sources		4.565.44
Disbursements—		
Payments on Notes to Banks	$4,500.00	
Interest	56.25	
Legal Expense	82.85	
Total		$4,639.10
Balance on Hand March 9		$532.87

Interesting Dates in the Life of the Church

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July 3, 1927—First service at Montauk under the auspices of the Presbytery of Long Island with 62 present at Montauk Theatre.

September 4, 1927—U. S. Secretary of Labor J. J. Davis, preached. First Baptism—Patricia Marie Harvey.

September 9, 1927—First discussion of site for future church. Present were: Rev. H. E. Moyer, Rev. J. C. Van Doren, Mr. Conrad, E. V. Conway, P. B. Duryea, Rev. E. H. Palmer.

September 28, 1927—Informal meeting to discuss organization of church and character of its work, held at home of Mr. Palmer. Twenty-three present. Committee to circulate petitions appointed.

October 23, 1927—Petitions to Presbytery to organize church here were read. There were 75 signers.

November 21, 1927—Meeting of the ladies at parsonage. The first move toward organization of the women. Planned for community supper at theatre.

December 7, 1927—Community supper at the theatre. First social event of the church; 175 present. About $200.00 raised.

December 16, 1927—Sunday School co-operated with public school in Christmas entertainment at the theatre.

January 11, 1928—Women organize church club and elect officers at home of Mrs. S. T. Honey.

January 14, 1928—First benefit performance at Montauk Theatre for Building Fund. Sponsored by men of the church.

January 15, 1928—Informal nomination of Elders after the morning service.

January 17, 1928—Organization of the Montauk Community Church by Presbytery of Long Island. Received as members of the church, 38; received as affiliate members, 10. Elders elected, ordained and installed.

February 1, 1928—Meeting to start men's organization of the church at home of Dr. Satterlee. Present: Dr. F. L. R. Satterlee, P. B. Duryea, C. A. Monroe, Rev. E. H. Palmer.

February 5, 1928—First congregational meeting. Voted to incorporate church. Elected nine men to act as trustees.

February 6, 1928—First meeting of Session. Discussed church finances, rotary system of electing officers, duties of Session.

February 13, 1928—First meeting of "Trustees," tentative officers elected. Committees appointed to arrange incorporation. Discussed site for church, considered plans for new building.

March 1, 1928—Men's Club organized at banquet at Montauk Manor and elected officers. Dr. F. L. R. Satterlee, President.

March 12, 1928—Trustees voted to form Building Council. S. S. offering to go to Building Fund.

March 20, 1928—First choir practice.

March 25, 1928—Congregational meeting at which it was voted to assume one-quarter in minister's salary, leaving one-quarter to be carried by Presbytery and the balance by the Board of National Missions.

April 1, 1928—First Communion service.

April 8, 1928 — Easter Service — special music — choir — baptized, 10; received on profession of faith, 9; received by affiliation, 5. Egg hunt for children in afternoon.

April 15, 1928—Congregation approved engaging Board architect (Mr. A. G. Lamont) to make preliminary drawings of new church.

May 14, 1928—Development Corporation promise gift of one acre of land on Montauk Highway.

May 27, 1928—American flag presented to Sunday School by Cutchogue S. S.

June 17, 1928—Church incorporated. Trustees officially elected. Montauk Community Church.

June 24, 1928—First Children's Day. Nine children baptized.

June 26, 1928—Building Council engaged Mr. J. E. Tompkins to manage Building Fund Campaign.

July 13 and 14, 1928—First Church Fair. Sponsored by Women's Guild. Community Club co-operated. Net proceeds about $1,000.

July 22, 1928—Building Fund Campaign for $35,000 started.

July 29, 1928—Active Campaign closed with total of $18,687.75 pledged.

August 13, 1928—Awarded job as architect for the church to Richard Webb.

September 11, 1928—Presbytery agreed to pay interest on loan of $14,000 from Board for at least three years .

October 16, 1928—Final plans approved. Bids advertised. Bids for church received. Pearson Construction Co. of Montauk, $49,925; John B. Roberts & Co. of New York City, $59,980.

November 12, 1928—Contract signed with Pearson Construction Co. for $40,800. Ground broken for new church. First payment for land in addition to gift—.43 acres.

November 16, 1928—Deed delivered by Montauk Beach Development Corporation for gift of 1.3 acres of land.

November 25, 1928—First offering for an outside cause: Board of National Missions.

December 5, 1928—First winter fair run by Women's Guild.

December 20, 1928—Christmas entertainment at public school, Sunday School co-operating.

December 31, 1928—Cornerstone laid.

February 11, 1929—Trustees voted to borrow $14,000 from Board of National Missions on mortgage.
March 31, 1929—First service in the new church, Easter Sunday. Present, 138; baptized, 7; received on confession of faith, 4.
April 7, 1929—First Elder ordained and installed in new church: Richard Webb.
May 1, 1929—First meeting of Women's Guild in new building.
May 14, 1929—First evening social affair in new building—Dance and Buffet Supper.
June 9, 1929—Memorial window dedicated.
June 29, 1929—First wedding in new chapel. Edith Tuthill and John Ireland.
August 6, 1929—First meeting of Young People's Society—social evening
August 9, 1929—Women's Guild Fair in Church Hall.
August 25, 1929—Chancel furniture installed and used for the first time.
September 1, 1929—Dedication of the church, Sunday afternoon.
September 10, 1929—Presbytery of Long Island met at Montauk Community Church. Ladies served luncheon.
October 27, 1929—Pews installed and used for the first time.
March 19, 1930—First annual congregational meeting in new building.
May 4, 1930—Masonic service.
June 11 and 12, 1930—Group of volunteers seeded lawns.
June 13, 1930—Shrubbery donated and planted by Louis Vetault & Son, of East Hampton.
August 6, 1930—Women's Guild Fair on the lawn.
August 29, 1930—Church benefit at the Surf Club.
December 21, 1930—Carpets in chapel, gift of Mrs. Maynard.
December 25, 1930—Candle-light Christmas service, at sunrise.
January 14, 1931—Ladies' Wednesday Evening Club started.
January 30, 1931—Community Club voted to disband.
March 16, 1931—Rev. E. Hoyt Palmer's resignation accepted at the annual meeting of the congregation.
June 5, 1931—Farewell party for Rev. and Mrs. Palmer in Church Hall.
June 7, 1931—Rev. Palmer's last church service.

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